A DIARY of the Siege of COLCHESTER by the Forces under the Command of Generall FAIRFAX.

Tuesday June 13.

The Lord Fairfax *engaged in the fields before* Colchester, *near* St Maries, *the Lord* Gorings *Forces, together with the Forces under Command of the Lord* Capell, *and Sir* Charls Lucas, *and beat them into the Town; Colonell* Sr William Leyton *and between 4 and 500 of* ye Kings *Forces were taken prisoners (200 of them being of Colonell* Farrs *Regiment) and in pursuit of the rest, Col.* Barkestead, *with his Regiment, entred the Suburbs as far as Head-Gate, and entred* y^e^ *Gate, but being overpowered there, and out of the Church-yard* ye Kings *Forces Barracadoed the Gate (leaving neer 500 men to our mercy:) yet notwithstanding those, foot, and Col.* Needhams *fought many hou*^rs^ *after in hopes to gain the Town at that place, but could not, the* Kings *Forces making good resistance, there were slain of the* Kings *Forces, Col.* Sir William Campion, *Col.* Cooke, *and divers Officers of quality, and about 80 private soldiers; Col.* Panton, *Capt.* Brunkerd, Clifford, Worsop, *and divers other Officers wounded. On Generall* Fairfax's *side. Col.* Needham, *Capt.* Lawrence *of Horse, Capt.* Cox *of foot, and neer 100 private souldiers and inferior Officers were slain: when we enter'd the Suburbs, the Lord* Goring *was Summoned, but returned an Answer not becoming a Gentleman: The Word of the* Kings *Forces at* y^e^ *Fight was* Charles, *the ground they fought upon,* Maries: Cæsar, God's - our help.

The Forces under the Command of Generall Fairfax *engaged in* y^e^ *Fight before* Colchester, *June 13. 1648. As also the names of the chief Commanders and persons of Quality of the Lord* Gorings *Forces engaged at that Fight.*

Generall Fairfaxes *Forces engaged in that Fight.*

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Col Barksteds *Regiment, Commanded by himself consisting of 10 Companies, about 800 men. Col* Needhams *Regiment, lately the Tower Regiment, Commanded by Col* Needham, *being 7 Companies, and about 500 men. Part of Col* Inglesby's *Regiment, of 4 Companies, Commanded by Capt.* Grimes, *320 men.*

Of the Essex Forces.

Col Harlackendens *Regiment, of 4 Troops of horse, Commanded by Major* Robert Sparrow; *and Captain* Turners *Troop of Dragoons. Sir* Thomas Hunniwoods *Regiment of Foot. Col* Cooke *Regiment of Foot, both which said Regiments consisted of Auxiliaries, and Trained bands.*

The County Forces of Essex *left to secure* Chelmsford *and* Maldden, *two considerable Peices, lest more Forces should resort from* London *to the Lord* Goring.

Colonel Henry Mildmaies *Regiment of Horse, and two Troops of Dragoons. Part of Col* Cavew Mildmaies *Regiment of Foot, Commanded by Major* Bard.

The Suffolk *Forces, who made good the Passes over the River at* Nailand, Stratford, *and* Cadgway, *lest the Enemy should escape toward* Suffolk *and* Norfolk, *were under the Command of Capt.* Fisher, *Captain* Bradling, *and Captain* Sparrow, *besides the assistance which Capt* Ball, *Capt.* Cox, *and the rest of the Sea Commanders gave to secure the River.*

The Suffolk *Forces that came afterwards to help besiege this Town.*

Colonel Gourdons *Regiment of Horse.*

Of Foot Regiments.

Colonel Sir Thomas Barnadistons, *Col.* Fothergils, *Col.* Harveys, *Col.* Bloises.

Of the Army that came up after the Fight.

Col. Scroop, *with 3 Troops of horse of his Regiment.*

The Lord Gorings *Forces engaged in that Fight.*

Of Horse.

Lord Gorings *Regiment. Lo*^d^ Capels *Regiment. Sir* William Compions. *Col.* Slingsbies. *Col Sir* Bernard Gascoignes. *Colonel* Hamonds. *Colonel* Culpeppers.

Of Foot.

Sir Charles Lucas *his Regim*^t^. *Sir* George Lisles *Regiment. Colonel* Tilleys *Regim*^t^. *Col.* Tewk *his Regiment. Col.* Farrs *Regiment. Colonel* Gilburds *Regiment. Col. Sir* William Campions *Regiment. himself slain. Colonel* Burds *Regiment. Colonel* Bowmans *Regiment. Col.* Chesters *Regiment.*

Colonels who had no Comm^d^ *of Regiments, yet alisting at that Fight.*

Earl Couborough. *Lord* Hastings. *Sir* William Leyton, *Colonel, taken Prisoner, and wounded. Col Sir* Richard Hastings. *Colonel* John Heath, *Colonel* Lee *of* Kent, *Colonel* Panton *wounded. Colonel* Cook *slain. Colonel Sir* Hugh Orelie, *Quartermaster Gen. Col.* William Maxey, *Col* Pitman, *Col.* Beal, *Lieu. Col.* Hatch *slain. Major* Jammot, *Adjutant Gen. besides divers Lieutenant Colonels and Majors who were assistants, but had no Commands.*

Wednesday 14. Generall Fairfax *perceiving the Lord* Gorings *Forces would not stand the field, resolved to sit down before the Town in order to a Siege (but being too few to Storm it) having not then nor when he first engaged, 1500 old Foot, and but about 1500 Horse, and two Troops of Dragoons (besides the 2 Regiments of the Trained Bands, under Col. Sir* Thomas Hunniwood, *and Col.* Cooke) *the Lord* Gorings *Forces at that time being about 6000 Horse & Foot in Town, and the Towns and Suburbs larger in Compas than* Oxford, *and would require 5000 men to Besiege it; appointed* Lexden *in the road to* London *for the Head Quarter, where the greatest Body was to lie, to prevent more aid for coming from* London *to the Lord* Goring, *and kept strong Guards of Horse on* Cambridge *road, on the other side the River, that they might not escape Northward, to joyn with* Sr Marmaduke Langdale, *leaving no place open to them, but towards the Sea, where they could not go far; and the same day Our Generall sent a Party of Horse to secure* Mersey *Island, to prevent the* Kings *Ships from coming into the River to relieve the Town; the Besieged sent Col.* Tuke *with a strong Party an hour after, - but came too late.*

Thursday 15. The Besieged Canon from the Royall Fort at St Maries, *plaid very hard, killed severall of our men as they did the day before; some as they were raifing the fort*^s^ *called Fort* Essex, *others as they were straging in the field.*

Friday 16. Nothing of importance happened, o^ly^ *3 of Capt.* Canons *men killed with a Canon Bullet.*

Saturday 17. A Trumpet sent in about the Exchange of prisoners, & this day the Besieged got provisions out of Tendering *Hundred, which we could not prevent till* ye Suffolk *Forces march'd to our assistance.*

Sunday 18. We took 2 of their Frigots, the one with 10. the other with 7 Guns, & this day Col. Ewers *came up with 6 Companies from* Chepstow *Castle: The* Essex *Foot under Sir* Tho. Hunniwood & *Col.* Cooke *en-*

Friday 23. The Guns began this day to play from our new Battery, which much annoyed the Besieged at North bridge. Our Generall sent a Reply concerning his former offer, offering the same Conditions again to all the Town, Except the Ld Capell, *and Sir* Charles Lucas.

Saturday 24. One of the Besiegeds Canoneers was killed. This day the Suffolk *Forces advanced out of their own County, & took up their Quarters upon Mile-end, over against the North-gate, being about 2500 Horse and Foot, leaving a guard at* Cattaway, *and* Nayland, *to secure those passes.*

Sunday 25. Nothing of importance.

Munday 26. A party of Col. Barksteeds *Foot (the Besieged having drawn out near the Almes-house) beat them from* ye Hedges, *and from their Court of Guard, fired the Guard-house, and brought away the hour-glass by which they stood Centry.*

Tuesday 27. A Trumpeter went in with the Lady Campions *Servant, with a Letter to her husband, for he did not believe he was slain.*

Wednesday 28. Chewed & Poysoned Bullets taken from several of the Besieged. Affidavit made by those Souldiers of ye Besieged who brought them out of Colchester, *that they were given out by the Lord* Gorings *Generall Commanded, That* [illegible]

Porter, or Chamberlain coming from the Bell in Grations *street, stole into the Town, with Intelligence of the Earl of* Hollands *raising an Army in & about* London *for their relief.*

Wednesday 5. The Besieged sallied out with a strong party, - Commanded by Sir George Lisle, *surprised our Guard at Eastbridge, and gained two Drakes, but advancing to* y^e^ *Main Guard, were routed by Col* Whaleys *horse. Commanded by Major* Swallow; *19 slain on the place, the Drakes recovered, and our former ground also; Lieut Col.* Weston, *Lieut. Col* Weeks, *and 80 & odd prisoners were taken, most of them sore cut for shooting poysoned bullets (20 of them died the next day) On our part, we had slain Lieut. Col.* Shambrooke, *and some others of Col* Needhams *Regiment, who were engaged, Capt.* Moody *on our side wounded & taken prisoner, and one Lieutenant & Ensign, & 40 private Souldiers of ours taken prisoners also.*

Friday 7. Col Scroop *sent from the Leaguer by our Generall, with a Regiment of Horse, to engage the Forces unde*r^ *y*^e^ *Duke of* Buckingham *and Earl of* Holland; *got into a body to raise y*^e^ *Siege.*

Saturday 8. News of Col Rossiters *routing the Pontefract Forces at* Willoughby *field, where 3 Troops of the Army were engaged, & many of the men wounded, Colonel Generall Sir* Philip Mainne

with a Letter of the taking of Waymer *Castle in* Kent, *took his opportunity, and carried it into* Colchester *to the Lord* Goring, *and took up arms there.*

Friday 14. The new Battery being raised against St Johns, *from the Lord* Lucas *house, 2 pieces of Canon plaid thence, made a breach in the wall: The Souldiers entred, fell on immediately, drove the Besieged out of the first Court-yard into the second, & thence into* y^e^ *Gatehouse, and the same day a - strong party of Horse & Foot fell upon the* Hieth, *& stormed the Church, & took all the Guard there en prisoners, being about 70. and that night we possest our selves of the* Hieth, *& a great part of the Suburbs, which much troubled* y^e^ *Besieged: the* Suffolk *Foot did well in this service.*

Saturday 15. The Gate-house being a place very considerable, & mighty advantagious for us, Our Generall resolved to storm the same, though it had a strong work before it; whereupon 6 Souldiers, for 3 shillings a piece, undertook to throw in Granadoes, and 20 men to carry Ladders for half a Crown a piece, & a Commanded party of Foot to storm, led on by Major Boscoe, *which accordingly they did as soon as 8 peice of Canon had given five upon the Besieged, and the Granadoes*

the Inhabitants & Souldiers it was prevented. This day our Generall had certain Intelligence. That an Army of Scots under Duke Hamilton, *had invaded the Kingdom, & joyned the Cavaliers under* Langdale.

Sunday 16. Our Generall sent a Summons again to Surrender the Town: The Lord Goring, *Lord* Capell, *& Sir* Charles Lucas *joyntly returned Answer (in writing) under their hands to our Generall, That if the Trumpeter came any more with such a Summons, they would hang him up. The Conditions then offered to the Souldiers, was, Liberty, and Passes to go to their severall homes, submitting to the Authority of Parliament.*

Munday 17. Again more houses were fired towards y^e^ *North street, & other places. This day our Generall had certain News brought him of the Surrender of* Pembrook *Town & Castle,* Laughorn, *and* Poyer *submitting their lives to mercy.*

Tuesday 18. Their Horse again attempted to break through towards the North, but were beaten in again.

Wednesday 19. Seventeen of the Besieged this day came - over to us, and then Horse were all drawn this day into the

Sunday 23. The Besieged roasted a horse near the North-bridge to make the Souldiers merry at y^e^ *entrance into such Diet; this day our Generall had Intelligence of Col.* Lamberts *engagement with the Scots* y^e^ *near* Appleby: *where above 100 Scots were slain, Col.* Harrison *& others on our part wounded.*

Munday 24. Nothing of moment.

Tuesday 25. The Besieged had a hot Alarm round the Town about 12 at night, and a partie in the meane time fired the Middl'Mill, with the loss of three men, and cut off a sluce, but the fire did not take, so the design proved ineffectuall at that time; at the same time we shot 20 Arrowes, (with papers of advertisement offered) into the Town, to undeceive the Souldiers; acquainting them with what Conditions were offered them, and shall still be made good unto them, if they come out; which coming to some of their knowledge above 200 came out that day 7. night.

Wednesday 26. Nothing of moment.

Thursday 27. A Troop of the Lord Capells *sallied out, and took 3 or 4 men as they were working upon the Line, near* St Botolphs, *and wounded one miserably, being a Country Souldier & but a spectator.*

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday 28. 29. & 30. Nothing of moment.

Munday 31. In the night about 20 of them with Spades, 6 only having Muskets, past the first Centinell as friends, saying, they were come to make an end of the work where they wrought the night before, but were fired upon at the second guard, had a Lieutenant slain, and retreated, and took a Serjeant with them prisoner.

Tuesday August 1. A Cornet, Quartermaster, Corporall, and one Trooper came away with their horses.

Wednesday 2. & Thursday the third, there came severall Souldiers from the Besieged, much complayning of their ill diet with horseflesh, and said it was attended with Gentlewomen in white - Gownes & black hoods (meaning Maggots) so that they could not eat it, & that it had brought many of them to the flux.

Monday August 7. Nothing of moment hapned: this day it was resolved at a full Counsell of War, to proceed by way of Approaches in order to a Storm.

Friday 11. Nothing of note. This night 30 houses were burnt.

Tuesday 15. Many men came over this day from the Besieged, & the poorer sort of people began to rise for want of bread.

Wednesday 16. They rise in great Numbers, and come to the Lord-Gorings Quarters, some bringing their Children starved to death, the crying out, so long as Horseflesh, Dogs, and Cats were to be had, they did not complain. This day the Mayor of Colchester *sent a Letter to the Gen. That the Inhabitants might come out, for that they had no provision, it being all seised by the Souldiers. Our Generall returned answer, He pitied their condition, but to grant that, was to make the Town hold out longer, and did not stand with his trust to permit it. This day we had the news of the killing & dispersing the Princes forces by some Horse and Foot of the Army, commanded by Col.* Rich, *near* Deale; *and also of the regaining of* Tinmouth *Castle by Sir* Arthur Haselrig.

Thursday 17. The Lord Goring, *Lord* Capell, *and Sir* Charles Lucas, *who before threatned to hang our Trumpeter if he came any more with a Message for a Party, desired Our Generall they might send to the Kings Forces, and if they had not relief within 20 days, they would then Treat. Answer was returned by Our Gen. that he hop'd in much less time than 20 days, to have the Town without Treaty. All things are preparing in Order to a storm.*

Friday 18. No action but preparation for storm.

Saturday 19. The Besieged sent for a Treaty to surrender.

Sunday 20. The Generall returned an answer to their offer for a Treaty, That all Souldiers & Officers under the degree of a Captain, (excepting such as have deserted the Army since the 10 of May last) shall have Passes to go to their severall homes; and all Captaines, and Superior Officers, with Lords, and Gentlemen to mercie.

Munday 21. The Besieged turned out of the Town in the night, many men, women, & children, but the next morning took them in again.

Tuesday 22. The Besieged sent out Major Sheffield *one of the Committee that was prisoner in Colchester, that they would surrender upon honourable conditions, and desire to know the meaning of* y^e^ *word mercie. This day the news of routing the Scotish army came, which we sent into the Town.*

A Manuscript of COLCHESTER taken out of the Records of the said Town.

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219. Coell *Duke of Brittanie began to build the City* Raymore *otherwise* Colchester.

238. Coell *Duke of* Colchester *began to Raigne over* Essex *and* Hartford-shire.

242. Helena *Daughter of* Coell *was borne att* Colchester.

260. Constantius *Captain of the Romanes in* Spain *comeing into* Brittain *besieged* Colchester *the space of two Years.*

264. *The Siege was Raised by a match Between* Constantius *and* Helena.

265. Constantine *the Son of* Constantius *was born in* Colchester.

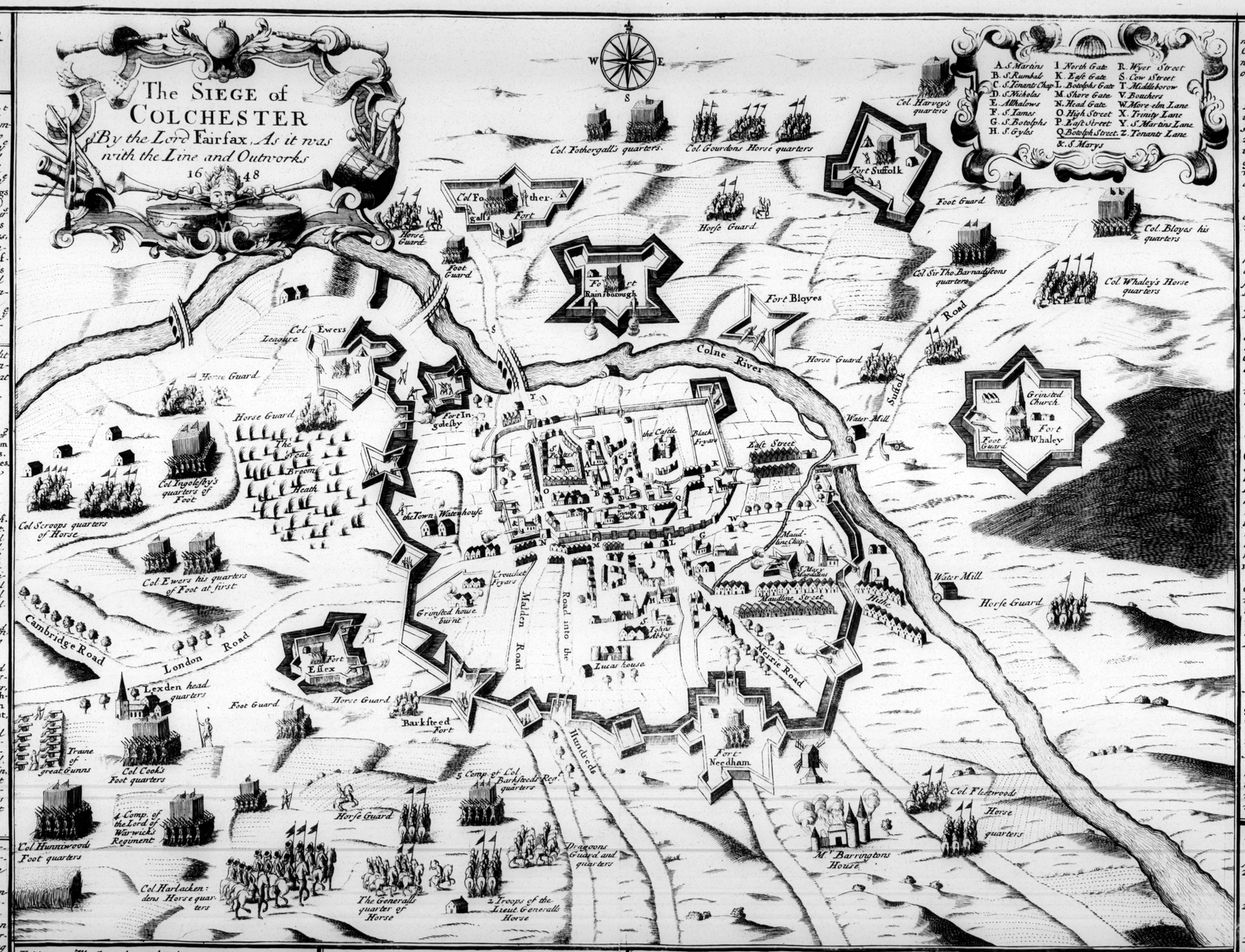
288. Constantius *then was called* Ceasar *of the Gaules.*

289. Constantius *when he had Slaine a considerable number of the Almaines that woarsted and over run* Gallia: *being ed* Ceasar *of the Gaules was now Saluted* Ceasar Augus^t^

290. Coell *when he had Slaine* Asclepodatus, *the Tyrrant Re over all* Brittaine *but was tributary to Rome. The sa Duke of* Colchester.

297. Coell *King of* Brittaine *Dyed in* Colchester *the Secon*

298. Constantius *Returning out of* Gallia *disposed of the*



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Friday 16. Nothing of importance happened, but 3 of Capt Canons men killed with a Canon Bullet.

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Sunday 18. We took 2 of their Frigots, the one with 10, the other with 11 Guns, & this day Col Ewers came up with 6 Companies from Chepstow Castle: The Essex Foot under Sir Tho. Hunniwood & Col Cooke endured many Canon shot this day, and were very ready upon an Alarm.

Munday 19. The party of Horse sent from the Leaguer under Major Sparrow & Capt Willingford, engaged the Kings Forces at Linton, (coming to assist the Lord Goring,) where Major Muschampe & others of the Kings Forces were slain, & Master Reynolds, & others taken prisoners, the rest (about 500.) dispers'd. This day a Trumpet came from y Ld Goring, pretending to desire a Treaty of Peace.

Tuesday 20. Answer returned, if a generall Peace was intended, that then it was proper for the Parliament to determine of that, and offered them in that answer Conditions. Viz. The Gentlemen & Officers to go beyond sea, and the Souldiers to go home, without prejudice.

Wednesday 21. The Besieged returned a scornfull answer, moving for a free-trade for the Townsmen.

Thursday 22. A small Party of the Besieged sallied out to view a Work (afterwards called Col Ewers Fort) [illegible] but were instantly beaten in by Musquetiers. Their Canon killed two men of ours. That day the Lord Goring sent a summons to the Suffolk Forces at Cattaway-Bridge, Comm^d by Capt Filher, & Capt Brandling, to joyn with him, which they refused, resolving still to adhere to the Parliament & Army;

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Thursday 29. They killed some Hors & Foot of ours with their great Canon as they shot against our men, at y making of Col Barksteeds Fort, fired the House which was lately Sr Harbottle Grimstons, & at night fired Mr Barringtons house, a party of the Besieged's Horse advanced over the Bridge at Eastgate, where Ambuscadoes being laid for them by our Dragoon's, Lieut. Col Hatcher, & divers other Officers & Souldiers of the Besieged, upon their hasty advance were slain: none on our part.

Friday 30. Exchange offered for Sir Will Mallam, but refused.

Saturday July 1. Col Whaley possest Grimsted Church.

Sunday 2. Strong Guards kept that night to prevent the Besieged's escape Northward, we having notice of their intention.

Monday 3. & Tuesday 4. Little of moment happened, except a Porter, or Chamberlain coming from the Bell in Grations street stole into the Town, with Intelligence of the Earl of Hollands raising an Army in, & about London for their relief.

Wednesday 5. The Besieged sallied out with a strong party, - Commanded by Sir George Lisle, surprised our Guard at Eastbridge, and gained two Drakes, but advanceing to y Main Guard were routed by Col Whaleys horse. Commanded by Major Swallow; 19 slain on the place, the Drakes recovered, and our former ground also; Lieut Col Weston, Lieut Col Weeks, and 80 & odd prisoners were taken, most of them sore cut for shooting pay - soned bullets (20 of them died the next day) On our part, we had slain Lieut Col Shambrooke, and some others of Col Needhams Regiment, who were engaged, Capt Moody on our side wounded & taken prisoner, and one Lieutenant & Ensign, & 40 private Souldiers of ours taken prisoners also.

Friday 7. Col Scroop sent from the Leaguer by our Generall, with a Regiment of Horse, to engage the Forces under y Duke of Buckingham and Earl of Holland; got into a body to raise y Siege.

Saturday 8. News of Col Rossiters routing the Pontefract Forces at Willoughby field, where 3 Troops of the Army were engaged, & many of the men wounded; Colonel Generall Sir Philip Mounton, Major Generall Biron, & divers Officers of quality taken prisoners by Colonell Rossiter.

Sunday 9. News of the Earl of Holland, and Duke of Buckinghams being routed in Surrey, & of the Lord Villiers being slain by Sir Michael Levesey & Major Gibbons, who Commanded a party of Horse of the Army.

Monday 10. Several of the Besieged came away to us; news came this day of the taking of 800 Horse in Northumberland, & of Sir Francis Ratcliff, Col Tempest, Col Grey, & other prisoners, taken by Col Lilburn.

Tuesday 11. We had a Gunner & a Matrose shot, as they were battering St Maries steeple. News came this day of y Earl of Hollands being taken prisoner by Col Scroop & Sir Gilbert Gerrard, & others of quality, & that Col Dalbeer was slain, and their whole force dispersed at St Needs in Huntingtonshire.

The 12 & 13. Little of moment happened, only Mr John Ashburnham offered an exchange for Sir William Masam, but not accepted; and this day the messenger who came to Our Generall with a Letter of the taking of Waymer Castle in Kent, took his opportunity, and carried it into Colchester to the Lord Goring, and took up arms there.

Friday 14. The new Battery being raised against St Johns, from the Lord Lucas house, 2 pieces of Canon plaid thence, made a breach in the wall: The Souldiers entred, fell on immediately, drove the Besieged out of the first Court-yard into the second, & thence into y Gatehouse, and the same day a - strong party of Horse & Foot fell upon the Hieth, & stormed the Church, & took all the Guard there in prisoners, being about 70. and that night we possest our selves of the Hieth, & a great part of the Suburbs, which much troubled y Besieged: the Suffolk Foot did well in this service.

Saturday 15. The Gate-house being a place very considerable, & mighty advantagious for us, Our Generall resolved to storm the same, though it had a strong work before it; whereupon 6 Souldiers, for 3 shillings a piece, undertook to throw in Granadoes, and 20 men to carry Ladders for half a Crown a piece, & a Commanded party of Foot to storm, led on by Major Bescoe, which accordingly they did as soon as 8 peice of Canon had given fire upon the Besieged, and the Granadoes did great execution, the Ladders were placed with much advantage, the Besieged much dismaied, forced to quit their - works, & flie into the Gate-house, one Granadoe kindled their Magazin, and blew up many of the Besieged, the rest were taken prisoners, and slain; the prisoners confest they were above a hundred in the Gate-house & work, and few of them could escape; 13 at one place were pulled out the next day from under the Rubbish. This night the Besieged indeavoured to escape with their horse, Commanded by Sir Bernard Gascoign, and past the River between the North bridge & middle Mill, and had the Miller for their Guide, but y Miller when he came into the Closes, ran away, and the Pioneers after him, and our Centinels giving fire, the Besieged retreated; The Suburbs was Fired in 6 or 7 places, which burnt in a most - dreadfull manner all night long, that the Town might be seen almost as well by night as by day, so great was the flame. And on Sunday the 16. other Streets were set on fire, with design to consume the whole Suburbs, but by the industry of the Inhabitants & Souldiers it was prevented. This day our Generall had certain Intelligence, That an Army of Scots under Duke Hamilton, had invaded the Kingdom, & joyned the Cavaliers under Langdale.

Sunday 16. Our Generall sent a Summons again to Surrender the Town: The Lord Goring, Lord Capell, & Sir Charles Lucas joyntly returned Answer (in writing) under their hands to our Generall, That if the Trumpeter came any more with such a Summons, they would hang him up. The Conditions then offered to the Souldiers, was, Liberty, and Passes to go to their severall homes, submitting to the Authority of Parliament.

Munday 17. Again more horses were fired towards y North street, & other places. This day our Generall had certain News brought him of the Surrender of Pembrook Town & Castle, Laughorn, and Poyer submitting their lives to mercy.

Tuesday 18. Their Horse again attempted to break through towards the North, but were beaten in again.

Wednesday 19. Seventeen of the Besieged this day came - over to us, and their Horse were all drawn this day into the Castle-yard, & a certain number out of every Troop was chosen to be killed; and there were told in the Castle Baily, 700 horse belonging to the Souldiers.

Thursday 20. They killed their horses; one Butcher ran away rather than he would do it. The Besieged at night drew out their Horse at 12 of the clock, and afterwards at 2 of the clock in the morning to escape, but our men were in such readiness they durst not advance.

Friday 21. News came of Captain Batten's Revolt to the Revolted Ships, deserting the Parliament, and turning to the King.

Saturday 22. Severall Souldiers ran from the Besieged much complaining of their Diet in horse-flesh, & a Trumpeter was this day sent in again to expedite y Exchange of Sir Will Mallam, for Mr Ashburnham, but y Besieged refused it, as also to admit of y exchange of the rest of y Committee, though they had Gentlemen of very good rank offered for them, (quality for quality) in exchange.

undeceive the Souldiers; acquainting them with what Con
offered them, and shall still be made good unto them, if th
which coming to some of their knowledge above 200 ca
day 7. night.

Wednesday 26. Nothing of moment.

Thursday 27. A Troop of the Lord Capells sallied
or 4 men as they were working upon the Line, near S
wounded one miserably, being a Country Souldier & ha

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday 28. 29. & 30. Nothing.

Munday 31. In the night about 20 of them with Spa.
having Muskets, past the first Centinell as friends, saying
come to make an end of the work where they wrought the n
fore, but were fired upon at the second guard, had a Lieuten
slain, and retreated, and took a Serjeant with them prisoner.

Tuesday August 1. A Cornet, Quarter-master, Corporall, and one Trooper came away with their horses.

Wednesday 2. & Thursday the third, there came severall Souldiers from the Besieged, much complaining of their ill diet with horseflesh, and said it was attended with Gentlewomen in white - Gownes & black hoods (meaning Maggots) so that they could not eat it, & that it had brought many of them to the flux.

Monday August 7. Nothing of moment hapned: this day it was resolved at a full Counsell of War, to proceed by way of Approaches in order to a Storm.

Friday 11. Nothing of note. This night 30 houses were burnt.

Tuesday 15. Many men came over this day from the Besieged, & the poorer sort of people began to rise for want of bread.

Wednesday 16. They rise in great Numbers, and come to the Lord Gorings Quarters, some bringing their Children starved to death, the crying out so long as Horseflesh, Dogs, and Cats were to be had, they did not complain. This day the Mayor of Colchester sent a Letter to the Gen. That the Inhabitants might come out, for that they had no provision, it being all seized by the Souldiers. Our Generall returned answer, He pitied their condition, but to grant that, was to make the Town hold out longer, and did not stand with his truste to permit it. This day we had the news of the killing & dispersing the Princes forces by some Horse and Foot of the Army, commanded by Col Rich, near Deale; and also of the regaining of Tinmouth Castle by Sir Arthur Haselrigg.

Thursday 17. The Lord Goring, Lord Capell, and Sir Charles Lucas, who before threatned to hang our Trumpeter if he came any more with a Message for a Party, desired Our Generall they might send to the Kings Forces, and if they had not relief within 20 days they would then Treat. Answer was returned by Our Gen. that he hop'd in much less time than 20 days, to have the Town without Treaty. All things are preparing in Order to a storm.

Friday 18. No action but preparation for storm.

Saturday 19. The Besieged sent for a Treaty to surrender.

Sunday 20. The Generall returned an answer to their offer for a Treaty, That all Souldiers & Officers under the degree of a Captain, (excepting such as have deserted the Army since the 10 of May last) shall have Passes to go to their severall homes; and all Captaines, and Superior Officers, with Lords, and Gentlemen to mercie.

Munday 21. The Besieged turned out of the Town in the night, many men, women, & children, but the next morning took them in again.

Tuesday 22. The Besieged sent out Major Sheffield one of the Committee that was prisoner in Colchester, that they would surrender upon honourable conditions, and desire to know the meaning of y word mercie. This day the news of routing the Scotch army, came, which we sent into the Town.

A Manuscript of COLCHESTER taken out of the Records of the said Town.

Anno
219. Coell Duke of Britanie began to build the Citty Raymore otherwise Colchester.

238. Coell Duke of Colchester began to Raigne over Essex and Hartford-shire.

242. Helena Daughter of Coell was borne att Colchester.

260. Constantius Captain of the Romanes in Spain comeing into Brittain besieged Colchester the space of two Years.

264. The Siege was Raised by a match Between Constantius and Helena.

265. Constantine the Son of Constantius was born in Colchester.

288. Constantius then was called Ceasar of the Gaules.

289. Constantius when he had Slaine a considerable number of the Almaines that wearsted and over ran Gallia: being called Ceasar of the Gaules was now Saluted Ceasar Augustus.

290. Coell when he had Slaine Asclepodatus, the Tyrant Reigned over all Brittaine but was tributiy to Rome. The same Coell Duke of Colchester.

297. Coell King of Brittaine Dyed in Colchester the Second Month.

298. Constantius Returning out of Gallia disposed of the Kingdome.

299. Constantinus the Emperor dyed at Yorke, in the Sixteenth Year of his Empire.

303. Helena upon the death of Constantinus made a Vow of perpetuall Widowhood.

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